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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MARR, ESTC, JA, US, UR

SUBJECT: FORESTALLING ACQUISITION OF SOVIET DEEP SEA  
SEARCH CAPABILITY

REF: TOKYO 11731 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. NAVY STILL ATTEMPTING TO COME UP WITH ALTER-  
NATE EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS. IN MEANTIME OCEAN SYSTEMS IS  
REQUESTING RETURN OF DSS-125 TO US AT NAVY'S BEHEST ON  
GROUNDS THAT IT WAS DAMAGED IN SHIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. USN HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SELECT A SUITABLE SUB-  
STITUTE FOR THE DSS-125. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULT TRADE-  
OFFS INVOLVED, THE SELECTION WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD NOT BE

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ABLE TO BE MADE BEFORE 10 AUGUST. THE USN IS ATTEMPTING  
TO FIND EQUIPMENT THAT IS SUITABLY RESPONSIVE TO ANTICI-  
PATED NEC REQUIREMENTS WHILE PROTECTING THE CRITICAL US  
TECHNOLOGY INVOLVED.

3. IN VIEW OF THE TIME CONSTRAINT MENTIONED REFTTEL, WE  
WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE DSS-125 EQUIPMENT BE RETURNED TO US

CONTROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE AUGUST 10. TO THIS END  
NAVY HAS REQUESTED HYDRO-PRODUCTS TO HAVE ITS JAPANESE  
AGENT (OCEAN SYSTEMS, INC., JAPAN) RECALL EQUIPMENT ASAP  
ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAS SHIPMENT DAMAGE. OFFICE OF MUNI-

TIONS CONTROL HAS ALSO ADVISED US FIRM THAT RETURN WOULD  
BE IN US NATIONAL INTEREST. US FIR; HAS ASKED ITS JAPAN  
AGENT TO REMOVE DSS-125 FROM NEC CONTROL.

4. YOU MAY PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO NEC PRESIDENT AT  
YOUR DISCRETION. YOU ;AY REASSURE HIM THAT THE FINANCIAL  
ASPECTS OF THE RETURN (PER PARA 7 STATE 170038) WILL BE  
SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. CHRISTOPHER

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